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MONTREAL REMARKS

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1. THE AUGUST 12 ISSUE OF THE GOP-OWNED LA CRONICA PROMINENTLY FEATURES A COMBINATION ARTICLE ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MONTREAL REMARKS ON LAW OF THE SEA AND N.Y. TIMES REVELATIONS THAT THE U.S. IS TRAINING COMMANDO GROUPS TO PROTECT SELECTED U.S. EMBASSIES ABROAD. THE ARTICLE IS HEADED "USA WILL USE FORCE AGAINST 200 MILE SOVEREIGNTY" AND SUBHEADED "IT IS DISCLOSED THAT 2,500 COMMANDOS ARE BEING TRAINED TO PROTECT ITS EMBASSIES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD."

2. THE ARTICLE, WHICH IS BASED ON EFE AND AFP WIRE REPORTS, LEADS OFF BY STATING THAT THE U.S. WARNED IT "CONSIDERS 'UNACCEPTABLE' THE MARITIME SOVEREIGNTY OF 200 MILES RECOGNIZED BY PERU, ECUADOR, AND CHILE AND EVEN SAID THAT 'THE NAVY IS THE MEANS MOST SUITED FOR DEFENDING (US) INTERESTS' IN THE SEA." "THESE MENACING DECLARATIONS," THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY, "COME FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER HIMSELF."

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE NY TIMES STORY, THE ARTICLE STATES  
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THAT "SEAL COMMANDOS MIGHT EVEN SERVE AS 'ADVISORS' TO

CERTAIN GOVERNMENT TO SUGGEST MEANS OF COMBATING INSURGENTS AND (IN HEAVY TYPE) AT THE SAME TIME PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTIES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS." THE ARTICLE ALSO SAYS, "IT IS UNKNOWN SPECIFICALLY TO WHICH COUNTRIES THESE 'SPECIALISTS' WILL BE SENT, BUT (IT IS THOUGHT) TO VARIOUS CAPITALS OF EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, THE WESTERN PACIFIC, AND (IN HEAVY TYPE) PROBABLY LATIN AMERICA."

4. THE ANTI-US EXPRESO TREATS THE LOS STORY IN SIMILAR VEIN BUT CARRIES IT ON AN INSIDE PAGE AND SEPARATE FROM THE COMMANDO ARTICLE. IN MARKED CONTRAST, ELCOMERCIO AND LA PRENSA PLAY IT STRAIGHT (LA PRENSA HEADLINES "US WILL ACCEPT 200 MILE FISHING LIMIT" OVER AP WIRE COPY).

5. COMMENT: CRONICA'S LUMPING THE LOS COMMENTS WITH THE COMMANDO STORY IS ILLOGICAL AND CLUMSY, AND ITS TECHNIQUE OF PRINTING IN HEAVY TYPE OR SURROUNDING WITH QUOTATION MARKS WHAT IT CONSIDERS KEY WORDS OR PHRASES IS JOURNALISTICALLY AMATEURISH. BUT CERTAINLY THE POINT OF THE ARTICLE WILL NOT BE LOST ON ITS READERS.

6. PRESIDENT VELASCO HAS SAID THAT THE NEWLY-APPOINTED NEWSPAPER DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THEIR PUBLICATIONS. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT LA CRONICA'S DIRECTOR LUIS GONZALEZ POSADA IS ALSO VELASCO'S BROTHER-IN-LAW.

7. THROUGH OUR USIS MAILING LIST, WE ARE BRING CORRECT SPANISH VERSION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS TO THE ATTENTION OF A WIDE RANGE OF PERUVIAN LEADERS, BUSINESSMEN, INTELLECTUALS, AND JOURNALISTS. AMBASSADOR IS SENDING FULL TEXT TO TOP GOP OFFICIALS. HE WILL ALSO DRAW GOP LEADERS' ATTENTION TO DISTORTION IN CRONICA ON EARLY OCCASIONS AS APPROPRIATE.  
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